



2015 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

Of the 1.5 million students who took the 2013 PSAT, some 50,000 with the highest **PSAT/NMSQT®** Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program. Of these, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. They are the highest scoring entrants in each state. In Illinois, students who received a score of 215 or greater qualified.

NMSC provides scholarship application materials to Semifinalists through their high schools. To be considered for a National Merit® Scholarship, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements explained in the materials provided to each Semifinalist. For more information, see <http://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php#entryreq>

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